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Subject: Comments Regarding State Marine Reserves in the North Central Coast

To whom it may concern,

I urge the committee to ensure there are significant areas of the coastline reserved for non-consumptive recreational scuba diving. Monterey consistently makes "Scuba Diving's" list of the world's top diving destinations, often as the #2 North American location. In addition, Monterey and Big Sur coastal ocean region is regularly a featured destination each year in the magazine. When combined with the fact that Monterey is featured in many documentaries regarding ocean life, we need to focus on increasing the degree of conservation along the entire coast line from Cannery Row to Point Sur, defining it as a complete "no take" zone reserved expressly for non-consumptive recreation.

Thank-you for your acting appropriately in ensuring non-consumptive recreational scuba diving is formally enacted as part of the MLPA plan.

Regards,
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